

8 June 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Chief, IPS/DDA

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FROM : [REDACTED]
DDI/FIU

SUBJECT : Snepp Request

1. In a conversation with the DCI, Frank Snepp asked for a document, which the DCI agreed to have reviewed for declassification. The document has been reviewed, sanitized, and a copy released to Mr. Snepp. ADDI Walsh asked me to see to it that a copy gets into your system.

2. Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the Routing and Record Sheet with which I delivered the sanitized copy to Deputy General Counsel [REDACTED] for release to Snepp. At Tab A is an unsanitized copy of the document. At Tab B is a copy of the document as sanitized for release. The document is not for further release unless specifically requested.

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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 29 November 1977 inquiring as to whether the recent book, Decent Interval, disclosed any information damaging to the national security.

As I noted when I briefed your Committee on 30 November, I have directed a detailed review of the book to determine whether it contains classified information. This review is not yet completed. What is of grave concern to me is Mr. Snepp's failing to clear his manuscript with the Agency, in accordance with the secrecy agreement which he signed, though he expressly agreed to do so. The integrity of our system of classification is seriously jeopardized if anyone entrusted with sensitive information can subjectively decide what can be publicly disclosed. Mr. Snepp's refusal to abide by his written agreement sets a dangerous precedent if unchallenged.

I have requested the Attorney General to look into the entire matter relating to the publication of this book and to consider taking all appropriate legal action against Mr. Snepp and his publisher.

I know this is a matter of high interest to the Committee and we will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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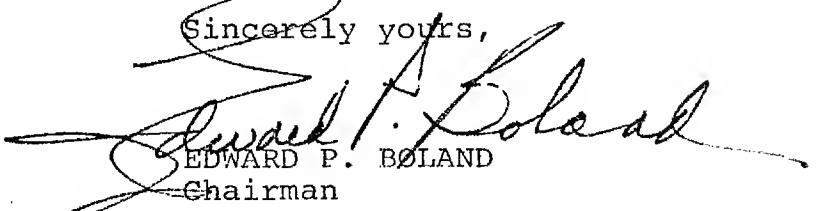
Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Regarding the recent publication of a book Decent Interval by Mr. Frank Snepp, the Committee would appreciate knowing from you what intelligence sources and methods were disclosed by this book. The Committee would also like to know of any other damage which might have been done to our national security, if any, by the publication of this book.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,


EDWARD P. BOLAND
Chairman

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Mr. Frank W. Sneed, III

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Dear Mr. Sneed:

Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum you requested in your meeting with Admiral Turner and me. This memorandum, subject: "Effectiveness of US Intelligence Analysis on Vietnam, December 1974-April 1975," dated October 22, 1975, and its annex "Summaries and Excerpts from Intelligence Estimates, Appraisals, and Daily Publications," have been sanitized. For your information, the only change in the document in connection with the sanitization is the deletion, in the second indented paragraph of page A16 of the annex, of specific dates and the insertion in lieu thereof, in brackets, of "in April." The document is otherwise being released to you in its entirety.

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Very truly yours,

Deputy General Counsel

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